

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Tomohiro YAMAGUCHI, Tomiyuki MURAYAMA and Keiji HATSUYAMA, hereby declare and say that:

1. We believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter that is described and claimed in a patent application that is entitled "Method and Apparatus for Manufacturing Disc Rotor," the specification of which is attached hereto. We state that we are a citizen of Japan, that I reside in Aichi, Japan, and that my P.O. address is Ainsin Takaoka Co., Ltd., 1, Tennom, Takaoka Shin-machi, Toyota City, Aichi Pref., Japan.
2. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.
3. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).
4. We hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of the following applications for patent: Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-254267, that was filed on August 24 2001, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-036590, that was filed on February 14 2002, and that is currently pending.
5. We hereby appoint the following attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: A. Sidney Katz, Reg. No. 24,003; Richard L. Wood, Reg. No. 22,839; Jerold B. Schnayer, Reg. No. 28,903; Eric C. Cohen, Reg. No. 27,429; Joseph R. Marcus, Reg. No. 25,060; Gerald S. Schur, Reg. No. 22,053; Gerald T. Shekleton, Reg. No. 27,466; James A. Scheer, Reg. No. 29,434; Daniel R. Cherry, Reg. No. 29,054; Edward P. Gamson, Reg. No. 29,381; Kathleen A. Rheintgen, Reg. No. 34,044; Thomas W. Tolpin, Reg. No. 27,600; Jon P. Christensen, Reg. No. 34,137; Eric D. Cohen, Reg. No. 38,110; Walter J. Kawula, Jr., Reg. No. 39,724; Philip D. Segrest, Jr., Reg. No. 39,021; Mitchell J. Weinstein, Reg. No. 37,963; Leonard Friedman, Reg. No. 37,135; Steven E. Feldman, Reg. No. 40,604; and Jeffrey W. Salmon, Reg. No. 37,435.
6. We hereby request that all correspondence and telephone calls be directed to Jeffrey W. Salmon, Esq., Welsh & Katz, Ltd., 120 South Riverside Plaza, 22nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Telephone No. (312) 655-1500, Facsimile No. (312) 655-1501.
7. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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